

Issues initially identified for the proposed mining of the Dairy Syncline phosphate leases include potential effects on: Groundwater and surface water quantity and quality; wildlife and their habitats; livestock grazing; wetlands and riparian habitat; recreation; socio-economics; Native American rights, treaties, and land uses; inventoried roadless areas; visual resources; and cumulative effects.

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Other alternatives may consider: Alternative access road(s); alternative tailings pond locations; alternatives to the land sale with mitigation and land exchange; use of conveyors to transport ore to the existing mill; revising the layout or sequencing of the proposed mining facilities; different methods for reducing potential impacts from overburden handling; and other alternatives that could provide mitigation for potential impacts.

The tentative EIS project schedule is as follows:

- *Begin Public Scoping Period and Meetings*: Winter/Spring 2010.
- *Estimated date for Draft EIS and associated comment period*: Fall 2011.
- *Final EIS Publication*: June 2013.
- *Record of Decision*: August 2013.

At least four "open-house" style public scoping meetings will be held which will include displays explaining the project and providing a forum for commenting on the project. Meetings are currently planned for Pocatello, Fort Hall, Georgetown, and Soda Springs, Idaho. The dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings will be announced in mailings and public notices issued by the BLM (*see* contact information above). The BLM and FS are seeking information and written comments from Federal, State, and local agencies as well as Tribal entities, individuals and organizations interested in, or affected by, the Proposed Action or Alternatives. To assist the BLM and FS in identifying issues and concerns related to the Proposed Action or Alternatives, comments for scoping, and later for the Draft EIS, should be as specific as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Exploration for Coal in Utah License Application UTU-87041

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: All interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Reserve Coal Properties Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Emery and Sevier Counties, Utah.

DATES: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to Reserve Coal Properties Company and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below by May 13, 2010 or 10 days after the last publication of this notice in the *Richfield Reaper* newspaper, whichever is later. This notice will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the *Richfield Reaper*, Richfield, Utah.

ADDRESSES: The exploration plan, as submitted by Reserve Coal Properties Company, is available for review in the public room of the BLM's Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify the BLM State Director, in writing, at the Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145 and Reserve Coal Properties Company, *Attn:* Tim Kirschbaum, P.O. Box 639, Sesser, Illinois 62884. The written notice must include a justification for participation and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Buge at (801) 539-4086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for the notice is section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976 and the regulations adopted as 43 CFR part 3410. The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the reserves contained in a potential lease. The

Federal coal resources are located in Emery and Sevier Counties, Utah:

T. 23 S., R. 5 E., SLM, Utah

Sec. 1, all;
Sec. 11, all;
Sec. 12, all;
Sec. 13, all;
Sec. 14, all;

T. 23 S., R. 6 E., SLM, Utah

Sec. 6, lots 6 and 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, lots 1-4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;

These lands contain 4,082.33 acres, more or less.

The above-described land is within the Wasatch Plateau Known Coal Leasing Area. The proposed exploration program will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Approved:

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State Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in Colorado: Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (GGNCA) and Adjacent Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose and Delta Counties, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final supplementary rules for the GGNCA and adjacent public lands in southwestern Colorado.

SUMMARY: This notice contains final supplementary rules for the GGNCA and adjacent public lands included in the 2004 GGNCA Resource Management Plan (RMP) and managed by the GGNCA and Uncompahgre Field Offices in Montrose and Delta Counties, Colorado. The rules implement RMP decisions that relate to the use of the lands, conduct, health and safety of public land users, and protection of natural resources. The rules address motorized and non-motorized uses, safety, firearms, hunting and target shooting, pets and pack stock use, camping, waste disposal, group size limits, permit